School of Law

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The School of Law offers a three-year, full-time professional curriculum leading to the doctor of jurisprudence (JD) degree; a two-year, full-time program leading to an interdisciplinary master’s degree (MA or MS) in conflict and dispute resolution; a one-year, full-time program leading to a master of laws (LLM) with concentrations in American law, business law, conflict and dispute resolution, and environmental and natural resources law; and an undergraduate minor in legal studies.

The law school’s broad-based curriculum and clinical programs prepare students for careers in almost every practice area and professional setting. Special centers and programs include appropriate dispute resolution; business law; criminal justice; environmental and natural resources law; estate planning; family law; intellectual property law; international law; legal research and writing; the Portland program; public law and policy; sports law; tax law; and the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

The Center for Career Planning and Professional Development offers counseling, seminars, mentoring programs, and connections to UO law graduates throughout the world.

The William W. Knight Law Center offers a spacious, welcoming environment for study and community activities and includes more than 1,500 fast-Ethernet jacks and wireless access throughout the building.

The John E. Jaqua Law Library is a light-filled space occupying three floors, designed to meet the research and study needs of law students. It provides print, electronic, and video resources, and has full wireless access. Each floor of the law library contains a mix of books, tables, carrels, equipment, and study rooms. Law students can use our online catalog to order materials from the law library and from other libraries in Oregon and Washington. Attorney librarians teach students how to perform legal research in class and in the library.

UO law students run three journals and nearly 40 active student organizations, serve the public in numerous clinical programs, and organize the world’s oldest and largest public interest environmental law conference, attracting more than 3,000 participants each year. In addition, the School of Law offers a wide range of options to perform pro bono work in the local community, of which UO law students have a strong tradition.

Academic Calendar for Law Students

The School of Law JD and LLM programs operate on a semester calendar. On this schedule, registration for fall and spring semesters begins the third week of April, fall semester examinations are given before the winter vacation, and the spring semester ends in mid-May. More information about calendar dates is available online at registrar.uoregon.edu/calendars/academic (http://registrar.uoregon.edu/calendars/academic/).

January Term
The School of Law offers a collection of one-week intensive courses held the week before the start of the regular spring semester.

Summer Session
The School of Law offers a summer session that is open to law students who have completed at least one year of legal studies and who are in good standing at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association. Summer session is not open to beginning law students.

Faculty


Roy Catalani, assistant clinical professor; Director, Nonprofit Clinic. BA, 1982, JD 1986, Oregon. (2023)


Bryan Dearinger, LRW assistant clinical professor (legal research and writing). BA, 2022, Portland; JD, 2005, Drake. (2023)


Kristie Gibson, Assistant Clinical Professor (in-house counsel, business law). BA, JD, Oregon. LLM Williamette. (2018)

Erik Girvan, associate professor (civil procedure, remedies); Executive Director of Law & Conflict Studies (Legal Studies, LLM, and Conflict and Dispute Resolution Master’s Program & Certificate). BA, 1988, Alaska; Fairbanks; JD, 2002, Harvard; PhD, 2012, Minnesota, Twin Cities. (2012)


Laurie Hauber, Assistant Clinical Professor (local government and public interest, business law); Director, Experiential Education. BA, 1990, Harvard; JD, 1998, Boston. (2020)


Mohsen Manesh, professor of law (advanced business law, business associations, contracts); faculty director, Portland program. BS, 2003, Arkansas; JD, 2006, Georgetown. (2011)


Kathryn Moakley, Assistant Clinical Professor (family law, domestic violence). BA, Knox; JD, Oregon. (2015)

Michael L. Moffitt, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law (civil procedure, negotiation, appropriate dispute resolution); Professor In-Residence for Clarke’s Honor College. BA, 1991, Marietta; JD, 1994, Harvard. (2001)

Michael Loch, lecturer; Director of Academic Excellence Program. BA, 2003, Indiana; MA, 2007, Loyola University Chicago; JD, 2012 DePaul. (2022)


Ofer Raban, professor of law; Elmer Sahlstrom Senior Faculty Fellow (constitutional law, criminal investigation, legal interpretation). BA, 1994, City University of New York, City College; DPhil, 1994, Oxford; JD, 1999, Harvard. (2008)


Jennifer Reynolds, professor (dispute resolution); faculty director, Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center; Associate Dean. AB, 1992, Chicago; MA, 1996, Texas, Austin; JD, 2008, Harvard. (2009)


Jasmine Samara, lecturer; Faculty Director, Legal Studies (anthropology, identity politics). BA, 2000, Yale; JD, 2004, Columbia; PhD, 2018, Harvard. (2022)

Joel Sati, assistant professor (criminal law, crimmigration). BA, 2016, City University of New York; JD, 2022, Yale; PhD, 2023, California, Berkley. (2023)


Mindy Wittkop, assistant clinical professor (business law, judicial); Director, Business Law Clinic. BA, 1993, Portland. JD, 1997, Oregon. (2010)

Mary C. Wood, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law (Indian law, public lands, property); faculty director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. BA, 1984, Washington (Seattle); JD, 1987, Stanford; Washington bar, 1989; Oregon bar, 1990. (1992)

Emeriti

Barbara Bader Aldave, professor emerita. BS, 1960, Stanford; JD, 1966, California, Berkeley (Coif); Oregon bar, 1966; Texas bar, 1982. (2000)


Leslie J. Harris, professor emerita. BA, 1973, New Mexico State; JD, 1976, New Mexico (Coif); New Mexico bar, 1976; District of Columbia bar, 1977. (1982)


Dennis Hyatt, professor emeriti. (1976)


Peter Swan, professor emeritus. (1970)


The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Minor
- Legal Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/min-legal-studies/)

Major - Law Degree
- Law (JD) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/jd-law/)

Majors - Master's Degree
- American Law (LLM) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/llm-american-law/)
- Business Law (LLM) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/llm-business-law/)
- Conflict & Dispute Resolution (LLM) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/llm-conflict-dipute/)
- Environmental and Natural Resources Law (LLM) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/llm-environ-natural/)
- Environmental Conflicts: Climate Change (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/gradspec/#climatechangetext)
- Environmental Conflicts: Land Use (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/gradspec/#landusetext)
- Environmental Conflicts: Water (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/gradspec/#watertext)
- Regional and International Conflict (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/gradspec/#regionalinternationalconflictext)
- Institutional and Organizational Conflict Management (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/gcert-inst-organize-conflict-mgmt/)

Certificate
- Conflict & Dispute Resolution (MA/MA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/law/llm-conflict-dipute/)

JD/MA or JD/MS in Conflict and Dispute Resolution
The School of Law offers a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of arts or master of science degree in conflict and dispute resolution. Students receive two degrees in four years rather than in the standard five, deepening their understanding of negotiation, dispute resolution, and alternative methods of settlement. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.

JD/MA in International Studies
The School of Law and the International Studies Program offer a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of arts degree in international studies with a specialization in international law. Students receive two degrees in four years. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.

JD/MBA
The School of Law and the Lundquist College of Business Graduate School of Management offer a doctor of jurisprudence and master of business administration (JD/MBA) concurrent degree program. The program prepares students to use their legal skills in fields that require understanding of business principles, finance, accounting, corporate management, sports marketing, and international business. Students receive two degrees in four years rather than in the standard five. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both schools.

JD/MA or MS in Environmental Studies
The School of Law and the Environmental Studies Program offer a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of arts or a master of science in environmental studies. This program introduces students to scientific, social, and legal aspects of environmental regulation and resource development. Students receive two degrees in four years rather than in the standard five. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.
JD/MA or MS in Media Studies
The School of Law and the School of Journalism and Communication offer a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of arts or master of science in media studies. The degrees provide students with opportunities for both legal and communications internships. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both schools.

JD/MCRP in Community and Regional Planning
The School of Law and the School of Planning, Public Policy and Management offer a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of community and regional planning. The degrees provide students with opportunities for both legal and planning internships. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.

JD/MNM in Nonprofit Management
The School of Law and the School of Planning, Public Policy and Management offer concurrent degrees that provide students with professionally accredited degrees in both law and public administration, the opportunity to interact with professionals in both the legal and public administration communities, opportunities for both legal and public administration internships, and an array of course work that prepares students for a wide range of professional careers.

JD/MPA in Public Administration
The School of Law and the School of Planning, Public Policy and Management offer a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of public administration. The degrees provide students with opportunities for both legal and public administration internships. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.

JD/MS in Water Resources Policy and Management
The School of Law and Oregon State University offer a concurrent degree program leading to a doctor of jurisprudence and a master of science in water resources engineering, water resources science, or water resources policy and management. Applicants must apply to and be accepted by both programs.